

The brokers could learn anything from the firm by word of mouth. Their judgment was based on a combination of circumstances.

The wheat deal of last spring assumed such a magnitude that only men of great capital could be back of it. Speculators and grain-dealers had various theories as to the men who were engineering it.

At the time the wheat deal was engineered it was predicted that the California crop would be a failure, and that prices must go up rapidly.

But another thing developed. The flurry in wheat here last spring produced no effect on Eastern and English markets.

The magnitude of the deal was such that heavy money men must have been back of McGlaulin & Co. The Luning estate and Fair possessed the money.

On Change Friday it was not known that Fair was in any serious danger, but McGlaulin & Co. were heavy sellers.

L. W. McGlaulin was a witness to the will of James G. Fair. That shows that he was a man in whom the deceased reposed much confidence.

Charles L. Fair was overcome with grief yesterday, and his wife remained with him in their apartments at the Lick House.

"My husband has taken the Senator's death terribly to heart. It seems to have broken him all up," said Mrs. Charles Fair.

When asked whether she had any occasion to meet Mrs. Fair, she answered: "I have never met her."

The deceased himself went in a pleasant mood in a cozy and reminiscent corner. The following are samples of these fugitive anecdotes.

Once upon a time young "Jimmy" Fair, his favorite son, now dead, came to his father with an air of importance and a look of deep earnestness on his face.

"Father," he said, with a show of suppressed excitement, "I've struck the greatest business scheme of the age. It is an absolute monopoly—absolute, sir—and if you will furnish the necessary capital I'll let you in on it."

"Are you quite sure it's a monopoly?" the Senator asked. "Of course—dead sure," said the rather inelegant "Jim."

"And how much capital do you require?" "Well, about \$25,000 will do it, I think."

"That's reasonable enough for a monopoly," said the now interested parent. "I'll go in with you, my boy."

"All right, dad," said Jimmy, beginning to edge away. "I suppose you don't care to know what sort of business it is?"

"Of course I do. What is it?" "A lively stable in Venice," answered Jimmy, and shot out through the door.

Another time this same incorrigible son came home from church and told his father that he had heard a very interesting sermon.

"What did the minister preach about?" asked the Senator. "The apostles, father," Jimmy replied.

judgment in coming to a conclusion. It was very rare that others knew more of financial affairs than he. He was the shrewdest business man I ever knew, and the most prudent. He was also one of the most self-willed and secretive.

"I have received telegrams from Mrs. Herman O'Riells and Miss Virginia Fair who were in New York, requesting that the body be embalmed. This will be done immediately. They also announced that the funeral shall take place from Grace Church next Friday at noon."

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amination will be made of all the vital parts. "What instructions have you received in regard to the disposition of the body?" was asked.

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WAS ALL LISSAK. The Spreckels Handicap Won by the BLACK KENTUCKY WONDER. Cadmus Ran a Wonderful Race, Finishing Second.

Well, the Spreckels handicap is a thing of the past and Kentucky won the rich prize. Giving all credit to Lissak for his great victory, the glory of the race certainly belongs to California.

To Cadmus, who, running the entire distance with the mud being kicked in his face, carrying top weight, yet whose lion heart never flinched, and who when called upon by his rider for the final effort answered in a truly heroic manner, certainly belongs the laurel wreath.

The scene in the betting-ring before the big race was one of bustle and excitement, and men who before had never been known to make a wager were seen elbowing their way to the end, a fitting tribute to a handicapper's incompetency.

The tedious delay at the post was all in favor of the light-weights. Young Cochran was shaken up badly but not seriously hurt by his fall with Ontario.

Hawthorne, ridden by Clancy, fell after pulling up at the conclusion of the big race. This is getting to be the proper caper.

Dan Miller was anything but pleased at the start his mare Charmion got. She certainly finished very close to the money.

A man with a stable tip on the handicap command more attention than Chris Buckley does at election time. Granman made a number of large bets that Lissak would beat Cadmus, horse against horse.

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under a pull. El Tirano and Blue Banner both passed Mollie King in the stretch, the former getting the place by two lengths.

271. FIRST RACE—Five furlongs; selling: Ind. Horse, weight, jockey. St. 1/2 Str. Fin. 261 Ontario, 110 (Cochran) 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2

272. SECOND RACE—Five furlongs; selling: Ind. Horse, weight, jockey. St. 1/2 Str. Fin. 261 Ontario, 110 (Cochran) 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2

273. THIRD RACE—One mile and a quarter; selling: Ind. Horse, weight, jockey. St. 1/2 Str. Fin. 261 Ontario, 110 (Cochran) 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2

274. FOURTH RACE—"Short course," steeplechase; about one mile and a half; selling: Ind. Horse, weight, jockey. St. 1/2 Str. Fin. 261 Ontario, 110 (Cochran) 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2

275. FIFTH RACE—Five furlongs; selling: Ind. Horse, weight, jockey. St. 1/2 Str. Fin. 261 Ontario, 110 (Cochran) 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2

276. SIXTH RACE—Five furlongs; selling: Ind. Horse, weight, jockey. St. 1/2 Str. Fin. 261 Ontario, 110 (Cochran) 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2

277. SEVENTH RACE—Five furlongs; selling: Ind. Horse, weight, jockey. St. 1/2 Str. Fin. 261 Ontario, 110 (Cochran) 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2

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279. NINTH RACE—Five furlongs; selling: Ind. Horse, weight, jockey. St. 1/2 Str. Fin. 261 Ontario, 110 (Cochran) 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2

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IN REMINISCENCE. Some Stories That Will Be Long Remembered.

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AN AUTOPSY HELD. The Dead Disease Had Reached Its Fatal Stage. An autopsy on the body of Mr. Fair was held by Drs. Levinston, Rosenstrin, Tait and Mizner in the rooms at the Lick House.

GRAPE FOOD COMPANY. Plans of Purchasers of the Plant at Los Gatos. LOS GATOS, Dec. 29.—A meeting of the purchasers of the California Grape Food Company was held here to-day to fix prices and make arrangements to place the product on the market.

RESULT OF A RECOUNT. Shows a Loss of Two Votes for the Contender. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—The recount for District Attorney between John J. Snyder (D) and J. E. Enright (R.) ended in the Superior Court here to-day and resulted in favor of Snyder by a majority of 6 votes.

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